

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-102. (Canceled).

103. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting programmed cell death in a eukaryote, said method comprising:

administering to the eukaryote a bacterial effector protein which inhibits ~~under conditions effective to inhibit~~ programmed cell death.

104. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 103, wherein the protein ~~has an~~ comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. NOS: 2, 4, 6, or 8.

105. (Original) The method according to claim 103, wherein the first protein has an amino acid motif selected from the group consisting of the motif of SEQ ID NO:9, the motif of SEQ ID NO:10, the motif of SEQ ID NO:11, the motif of SEQ ID NO:12, the motif of SEQ ID NO:13, the motif of SEQ ID NO:14, the motif of SEQ ID NO:15, the motif of SEQ ID NO:16, the motif of SEQ ID NO:17, the motif of SEQ ID NO:18, the motif of SEQ ID NO:19, the motif of SEQ ID NO:20, the motif of SEQ ID NO:21, the motif of SEQ ID NO:22, the motif of SEQ ID NO:23, and combinations thereof.

106. (Original) The method according to claim 103, wherein the protein has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24.

107. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 103, wherein the protein ~~has an~~ comprises the amino acid sequence spanning a C-terminus of SEQ. ID. NOS: 2, 4, 6, or 8.

108. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 103, wherein the protein ~~has an~~ comprises the amino acid sequence spanning amino acids 308 and 553 of SEQ. ID. NO: 2.

109. (Canceled).

110. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 103, wherein the eukaryote is a plant.

111. (New) The method according to claim 103, wherein the eukaryote is a yeast.